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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 3,
relative to domestic violence.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. There is hereby created the domestic violence state coordinating council.

SECTION 2. The purpose of the coordinating council is to increase the awareness and understanding of domestic and family violence and its consequences and to reduce the incidence of domestic and family violence within the state by:

(a) Designing a policy for law enforcement and judicial response to domestic violence, to be made available for use on a statewide basis.

(b) Designing a training course and curriculum for law enforcement personnel who are likely to encounter situations of domestic violence on the dynamics of domestic violence and the handling, investigation and response procedures concerning reports of domestic violence, to be made available for use on a statewide basis.

(c) Designing a training course and curriculum for all judges and judicial personnel who are likely to encounter situations of domestic violence on the dynamics of domestic violence and the handling and response procedures concerning allegations of domestic violence, to be made available on a statewide basis.

SECTION 3. The coordinating council shall consist of the following or their representatives who currently serve on the domestic violence state coordinating council established by the Tennessee task force against domestic violence for the purpose of community education on domestic violence:

Attorney General of Tennessee;
Director, Administrative Office of the Courts;
Executive Director, Public Defenders Conference;
Executive Director, Tennessee Association for Criminal Defense Lawyers;
Executive Secretary, Tennessee District Attorney General's Conference;
President, Tennessee Sheriff's Association;
President, Tennessee Chief of Police Association;
Executive Director, Tennessee Task Force Against Domestic Violence;
Executive Director, Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission;
Four (4) Judges to be appointed by the Chief Justice of the Tennessee
Supreme Court;
Two (2) members of the Tennessee General Assembly;
Four (4) members to be appointed by the Tennessee Task Force Against
Domestic Violence;
One (1) Legal Services Attorney;
One (1) Victim Witness Coordinator;
Chairman, Tennessee Board of Paroles; and
One(1) Probation Officer.

SECTION 4. The coordinating council shall be established for the period July 1, 1995 to July 1, 1997 for the purposes set forth in this act.

SECTION 5. The Tennessee task force against domestic violence is hereby authorized to use funds from the domestic violence community education fund established by Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-3-616, to provide necessary support services for the coordinating council. Coordinating council members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses in accordance with the comprehensive travel regulations promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general.

SECTION 6. All law enforcement agencies with personnel who are likely to encounter situations of domestic violence must, no later than December 31, 1997, adopt a policy regarding domestic violence and provide initial and continuing education concerning the dynamics of domestic violence and the handling, investigation and response procedures concerning reports of domestic violence to all law enforcement personnel who are likely to encounter situations of domestic violence.

SECTION 7. All state and local court administrators, court clerks, and judges, with personnel who are likely to encounter situations involving domestic violence, must adopt a policy regarding domestic violence and provide initial and continuing education concerning the dynamics of domestic violence and the handling and response procedures concerning allegations of domestic violence to all judges and court personnel who are likely to encounter allegations of domestic violence.

SECTION 8. The Peace Officers Standards and Training Commission shall, by December 31, 1997, establish a policy regarding and a continuing education training curriculum concerning domestic violence and shall provide it to all law enforcement agencies throughout the state whose personnel are likely to encounter situations of domestic violence. The Commission may adopt the policy and training curriculum developed by the domestic violence state coordinating council, and may revise the policy and training curriculum at its discretion. The Commission shall require all law enforcement agencies to comply with the requirements of this act.

SECTION 9. The administrative office of the courts shall, by December 31, 1997, establish a policy regarding and a continuing education curriculum concerning domestic violence and shall provide continuing education on domestic violence to all judges and court personnel throughout the state who are likely to encounter situations of domestic violence. The administrative office of the courts may adopt the policy and training curriculum developed by the

domestic violence state coordinating council, and may revise the policy and training curriculum at its discretion.

SECTION 10. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.